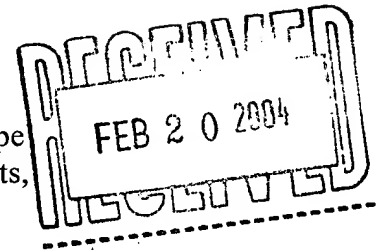


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action with a mailing date of December 2, 2003, response to which is due by March 2, 2004 without extension, and which is therefore being timely filed, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: